



WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid 1. sequence selected from any one of the following:
 - (a) a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 6;
 - (b) a polypeptide having one or more conservative amino acid substitutions to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 6; or
 - (c) a mutant or variant of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 6.
- A vector which encodes for the polypeptide of claim 1. 2.
- 3. A cell comprising the vector of claim 2.
- The cell of claim 3, wherein said cell is a prokaryotic or 4. eukaryotic cell.
- A process of producing a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 6, the 5. process comprising:
 - (a) providing the cell of claim 4;
 - (b) culturing said cell under conditions sufficient to express the SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide; and
 - (c) recovering said SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide, thereby producing said SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide.
- 6. A method of diagnosing a pathological condition associated with aberrant SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide expression or activity in a subject, the method comprising:
 - (a) providing a protein sample from said subject;
 - (b) providing a control protein sample; 153



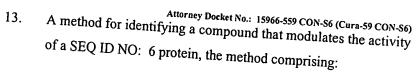
Attorney Docket No.: 15966-559 CON-S6 (Cura-59 CON-S6) (c) measuring the amount of SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide

in said subject sample; and

(d) comparing the amount of SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide in said subject protein sample to the amount of SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide in said control protein sample,

wherein an alteration in the amount of SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide in said subject protein sample relative to the amount of SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide in said control protein sample indicates the subject has said pathological condition.

- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein said SEQ ID NO: 6 polypeptide is detected using an antibody.
- The method of claim 6, wherein said pathological condition is 8. cancer.
- 9. A method for treating, preventing or delaying a pathological condition associated with aberrant SEQ ID NO: 6 expression or activity in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in which said treatment, prevention or delay is desired the polypeptide of claim 1 in amount sufficient to treat, prevent or delay said pathological condition in said subject.
- A method for identifying a compound that binds the polypeptide 10. of claim 1, the method comprising:
 - (a) contacting SEQ ID NO: 6 protein with a compound; and
 - (b) determining whether said compound binds SEQ ID NO: 6 protein.
- The method of claim 10, wherein binding of said compound to 11. SEQ ID NO: 6 is determined by a protein assay.
- A compound identified by the method of claim 11. 12.



- (a) contacting SEQ ID NO: 6 protein with a compound; and
- (b) determining whether SEQ ID NO: 6 protein activity has been altered.
- 14. A compound identified by the method of claim 13.
- 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.